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DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	Board of Examiners in Optometry
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Wednesday, September 29, 2010 at 4:30 p.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Blvd., Dover, Delaware Conference Room A , Second floor Cannon Building
MINUTES APPROVED:	December 8, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Carl Maschauer, Professional Member, President
Dr. Bryan Sterling, Professional Member
Dr. Joseph Senall, Professional Member
Diane Maddex, Public Member
Prameela Kaza, Public Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT/COURT REPORTER

Eileen Heeney, Deputy Attorney General
Nancy Fields, Administrative Specialist II
Jennifer Witte, Administrative Specialist II

OTHERS PRESENT

None

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Maschauer called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the August 4, 2010 meeting. A motion was made by Dr. Sterling, seconded by Ms. Kaza, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was unanimously carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Introduction of New Board Members

Dr. Maschauer had three introductions. He introduced Jennifer Witte, as the Board Administrative Specialist, introduced Diane Maddex as the new public member, and Dr. Joseph Senall as the new professional member.

Completion of Internship

The Board reviewed the letters from the supervising doctors of Dr. Katherine Shuell verifying that Dr. Shuell completed her 6-month internship on 9/25/10.

After review, a motion was made by Dr. Senall, seconded by Ms. Kaza, to approve Dr. Shuell's application for a Therapeutic Optometrist license. The motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed the letters from the supervising doctors of Dr. Erin McConnell verifying that Dr. McConnell had completed her 6-month internship on 9/25/10.

After review, a motion was made by Dr. Sterling, seconded by Ms. Kaza, to approve Dr. McConnell's application for a Therapeutic Optometrist license. The motion unanimously carried.

Continuing Education Requests

The Board reviewed and approved the following continuing education credits:

Eye Care of Delaware

Peripheral Retinal Pathologies, 9/29/10, 2 hours
Advanced Retinal Imaging, 10/20/10, 2 hours
Oral Medicines in Optometry, 11/16/10, 2 hours

Dept. of Veterans Affairs Medical Center – Lisa Stottlemeyer, OD.

National VHA/DoD Conference: Sensory Impairment Issues in
Traumatic Brain Injury, 12/ 8 & 9/10, 24.5 credits

Delaware Eye Institute

CME's for Optometrists

Setting Glaucoma Target Pressure, ½ hr. 10/28/10
Disc Damage Likelihood Scale, ½ hr. 10/28/10
Glaucoma and Retinal Disease, ½ hr. 10/28/10
Evaluation & Management of Eyelid Neoplasm, ½ hr, 10/28/10
Outcomes in Toric IOL's, ½ hr. 10/28/10
Retinal Vein Occlusion, ½ hr. 10/28/10

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed correspondence from the American Optometric Association Regarding Board Certification. Dr. Maschauer reiterated that national Board certification is not yet available for Delaware Optometrists and that Licensed Optometrists should not be calling themselves board certified. Doctors should only be listing that they are licensed by the Delaware Board of Examiners in Optometry. The Rules and Regulations state (in 8.5) - ***No licensee shall use unethical, misleading or unprofessional advertising methods, including, but not limited to: baiting patients to purchase materials in exchange for free or reduced fees for professional***

services. 8.11 No licensee shall hold himself forth in such a way as to carry the slightest intimation of having superior qualifications or being superior to other optometrists, unless he is qualified by a specialty board approved by the State Board.

The Board reviewed a memo from James Collins who asked the Boards if it had any statute changes to make for the 146th General Assembly, to please draft a bill and have it submitted to him as soon as possible.

The Board office received several recent inquiries regarding foreign graduates and the NBEO exam. The Delaware Board only accepts US graduates as shown in Del. Code Title 24 Del Code § 2107 (1) Has received a degree of "doctor of optometry" from a legally incorporated and accredited optometric college or school which has been approved by the appropriate accrediting body of the American Optometric Association. The state Boards designate the NBEO exam and all candidates have to pass the NBEO this exam for licensure.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (for discussion only)

Since there is now a full Board, it is time for elections of officers. The Board agreed to have Elections during next scheduled meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 8, 2010 at 4:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Dr. Sterling, seconded by Ms. Kaza, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Fields
Administrative Specialist II